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Commissioner*

### **Emergency Waiver of Reid Vapor Pressure Requirements in Virginia**

**Effective date:** May 1, 2020

**Expiration date:** June 10, 2020

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this order is to provide a waiver to the ASTM Reid Vapor Pressure specifications for ethanol blended gasoline due to an emergency situation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Background:**

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In Executive Order 51, Governor Northam, pursuant to his authority under § 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia, authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Service, on behalf of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' regulatory boards as appropriate and with concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, to waive any state requirement or regulation. Executive Order 51 provides that the temporary waiver shall remain in effect until June 10, 2020.

#### **Definitions:**

"Volatility class A" means fuel with a vapor pressure and distillation designation of "A" set forth in Table 1 Vapor Pressure and Distillation Class Requirements of ASTM D4814.

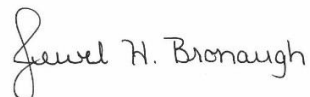
"Volatility class D" means fuel with a vapor pressure and distillation designation of "D" set forth in Table 1 Vapor Pressure and Distillation Class Requirements of ASTM D4814.

#### **Required vapor pressure limits for May 1, 2020, through June 10, 2020:**

Pursuant to the authority granted in Executive Order 51, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services waives the vapor pressure limit for gasoline ethanol blends prescribed by reference to ASTM D4814 in regulation 2 VAC 5-425 et seq., Vapor Pressure Requirements for Gasoline Ethanol Blends, for the period of May 1, 2020, through June 10, 2020.

For the period of May 1 through June 10, 2020, when gasoline is blended with ethanol, the blend's maximum vapor pressure shall not exceed the ASTM D4814 limits for volatility class D by more than 1.0 psi during this period.

**By Order of:**

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**Jewel H. Bronaugh, Ph.D.**  
**Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

**With Concurrence from:**

**Bettina Ring**  
**Secretary, Agriculture and Forestry**